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Thirteen Colonies  
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Life In The  
Home*



**Writing Assignment:** Pretend that you are the head of a household in the time of the thirteen colonies. As a housewife, you have many important responsibilities, and your day is full of activities. Imagine what one normal day of your life might be like. What kinds of things would you do during that day? **Write at least three diary entries describing the day of a woman in colonial times.**

**As a reminder:** We have discussed in class what life was like during colonial times. We have examined how life on a rural farm was very different from life in a port city. Specifically, we studied on-line the diary of Mary Cooper, a housewife who worked on a farm on Long Island. This diary gives a first-hand account of the day-to-day activities of a colonial woman. In class we also learned about Eliza Lucas Pinckney, who managed three plantations in South Carolina and discovered the value of indigo as a cash crop.

**To help your creativity:** This should be a fun, relaxed assignment. Here are a few ideas to help you get started. Feel free to write about whatever you choose – as long as you *include details of colonial life* that we have learned in history class.

**\*\*** You should write your three diary entries from the perspective of a woman living in the same colony you are studying for your in-class project.

Choose a location within your colony. Do you live on a farm, a plantation, or in a city? How does your region (South, Middle, or New England) determine what your life is like?

Describe your family. Do you have a husband? If so, what does he do? Do you have children? If so, how old are they, and what do they do?

Imagine the jobs you did around the house on this particular day. Did anything interesting happen during the day? Your activities will differ depending on whether you live in the city or on a farm. How do you feel at the end of the day?

Feel free to use your notebooks, handouts, and textbooks if you would like to review any historical information. You should try to make your diary as realistic as possible.

What: At least three diary entries, at least **one paragraph** each, typed and emailed to Mr. Hall.

When: **Due at the end of class.**